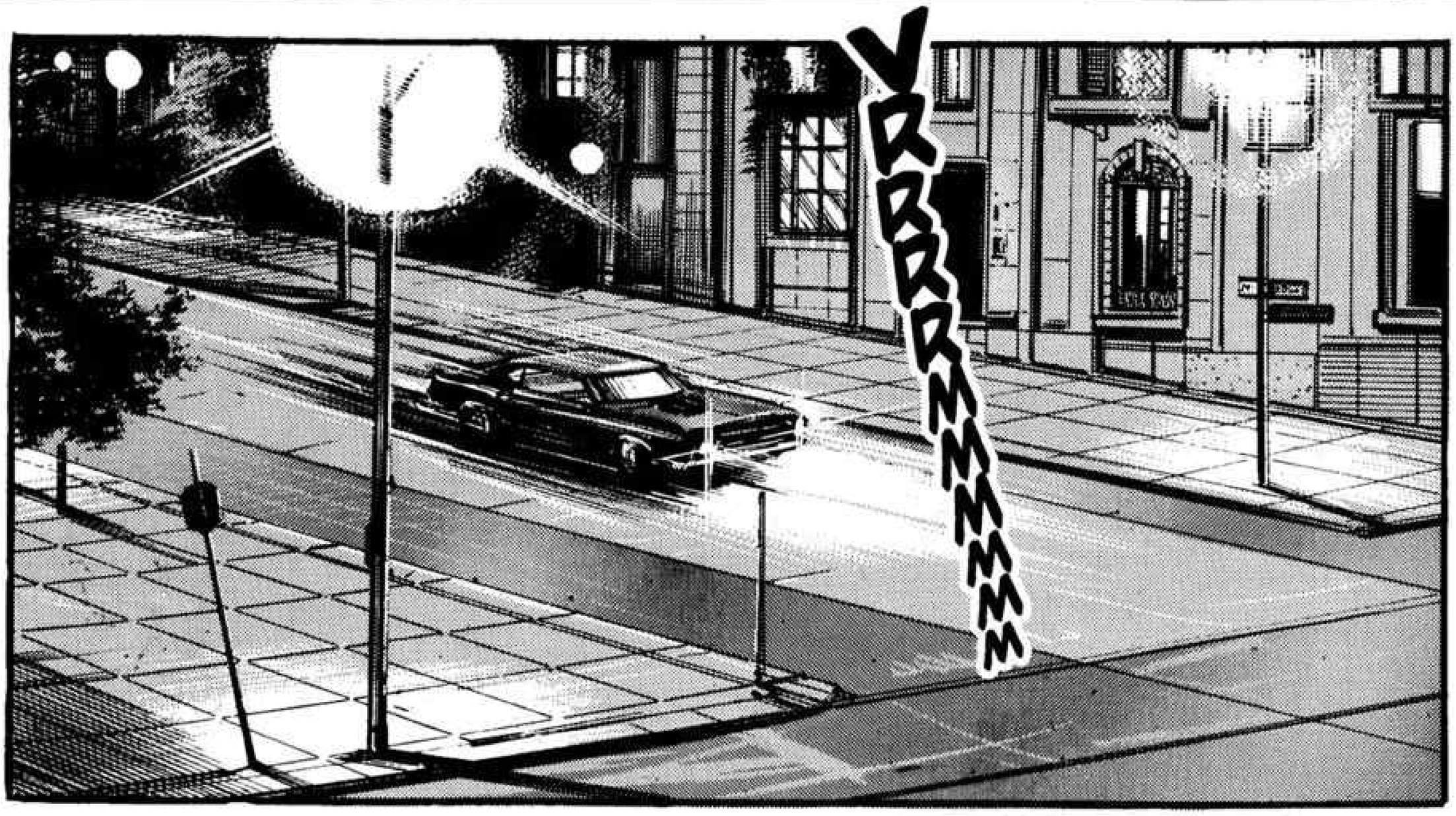
HIT AND RUN

San Francisco, 1979



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DON'T WANNA!

HEH-HEH! CUT IT OUT!

C'MON, STOP, BABY! WHAT IF I--

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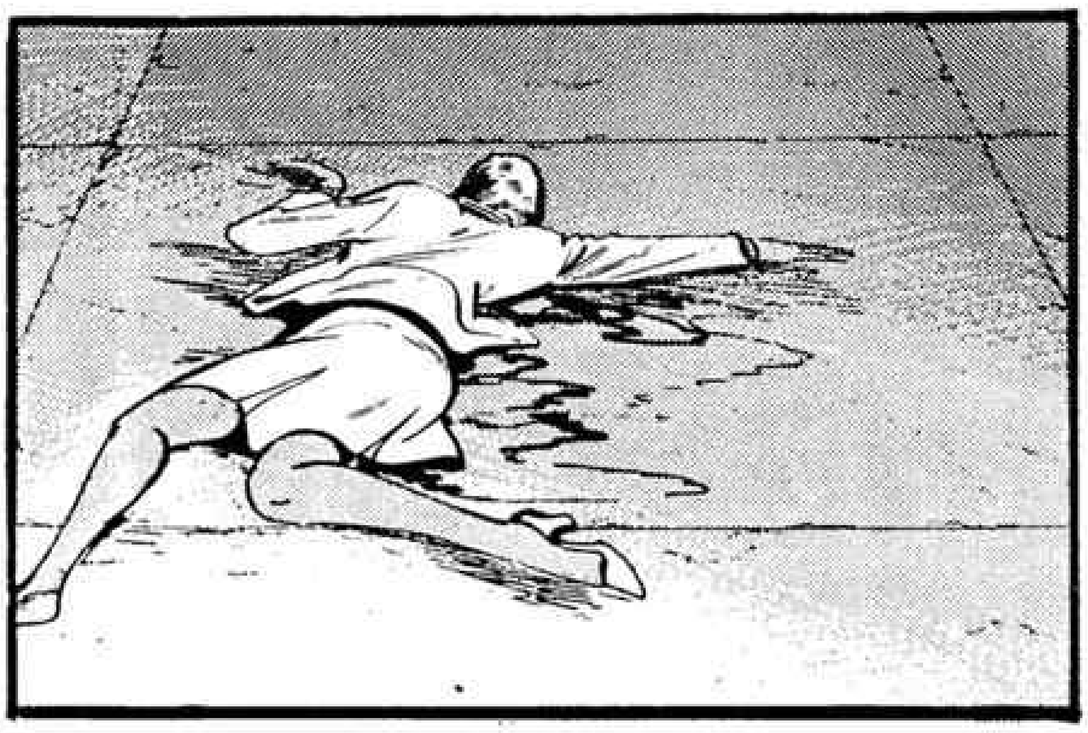

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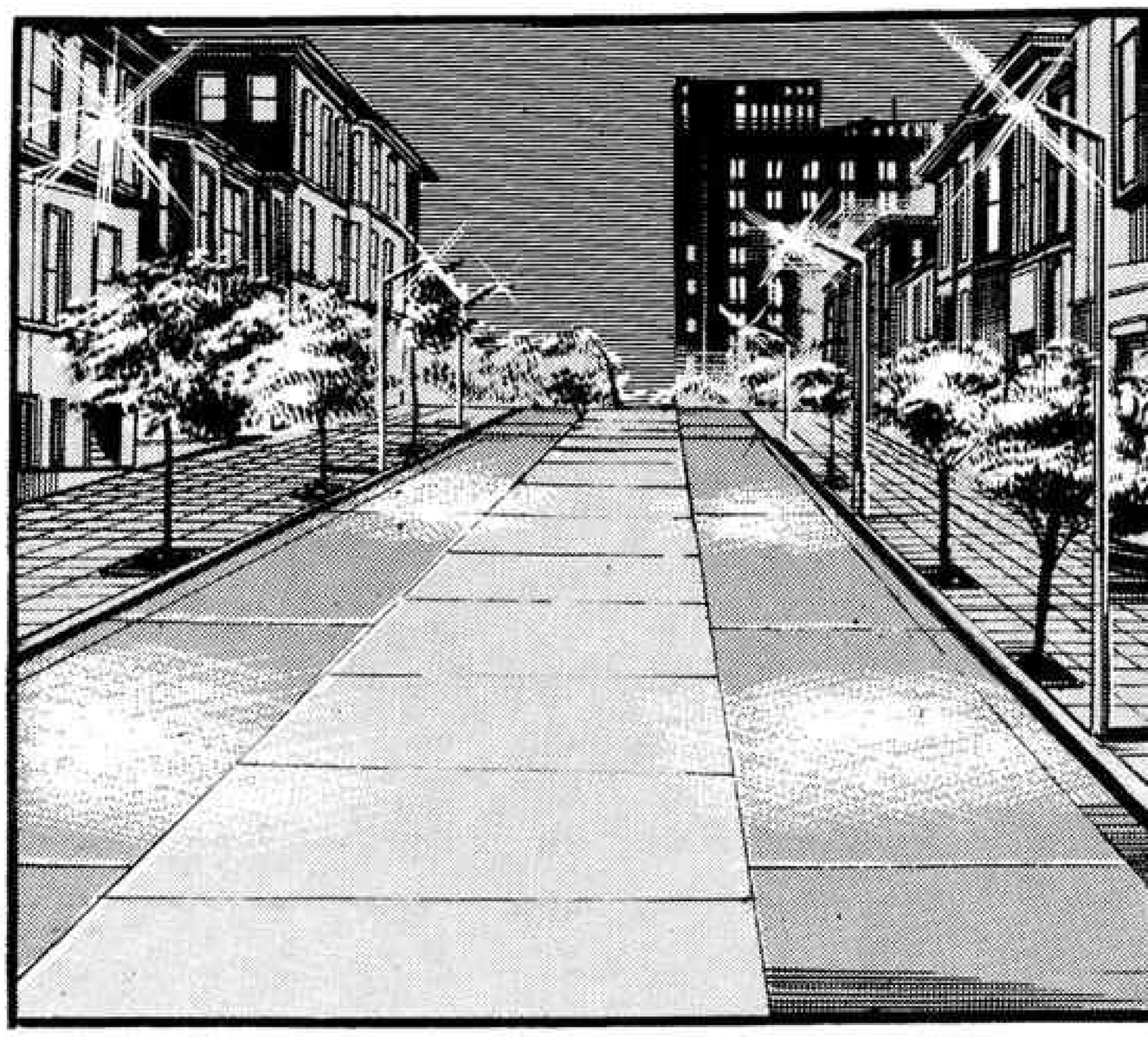

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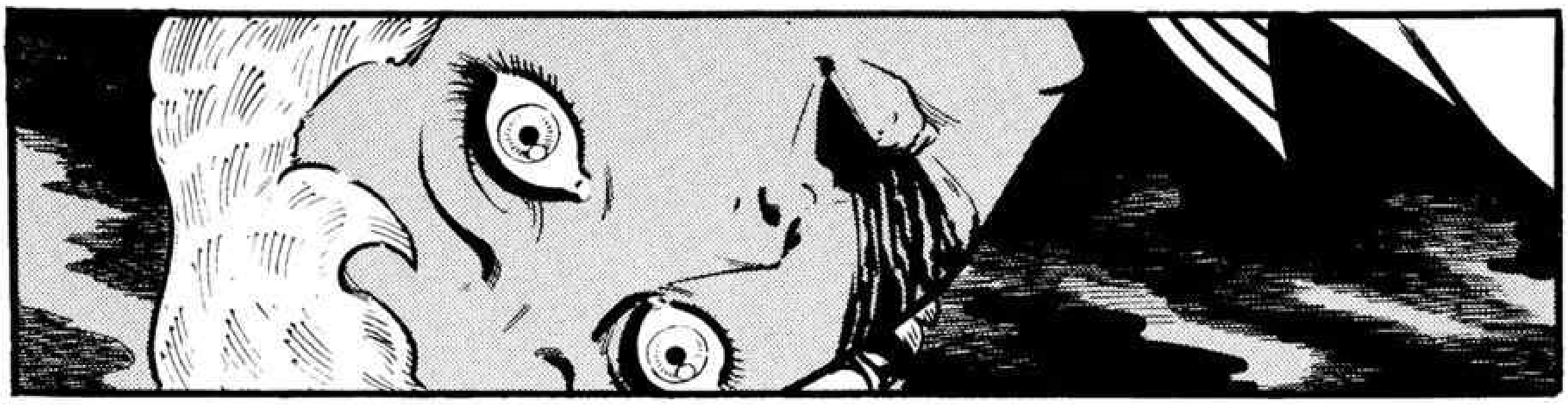

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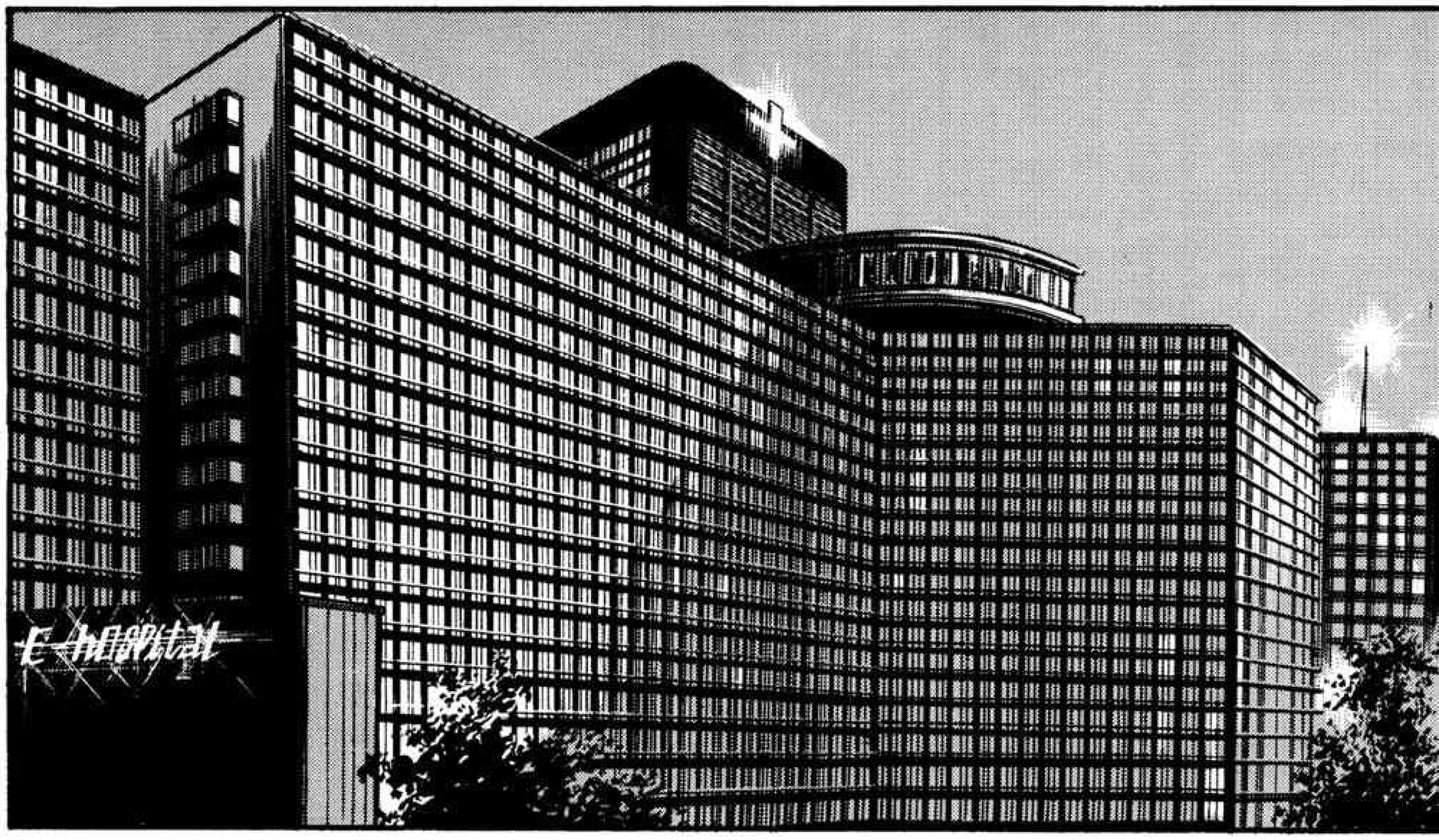

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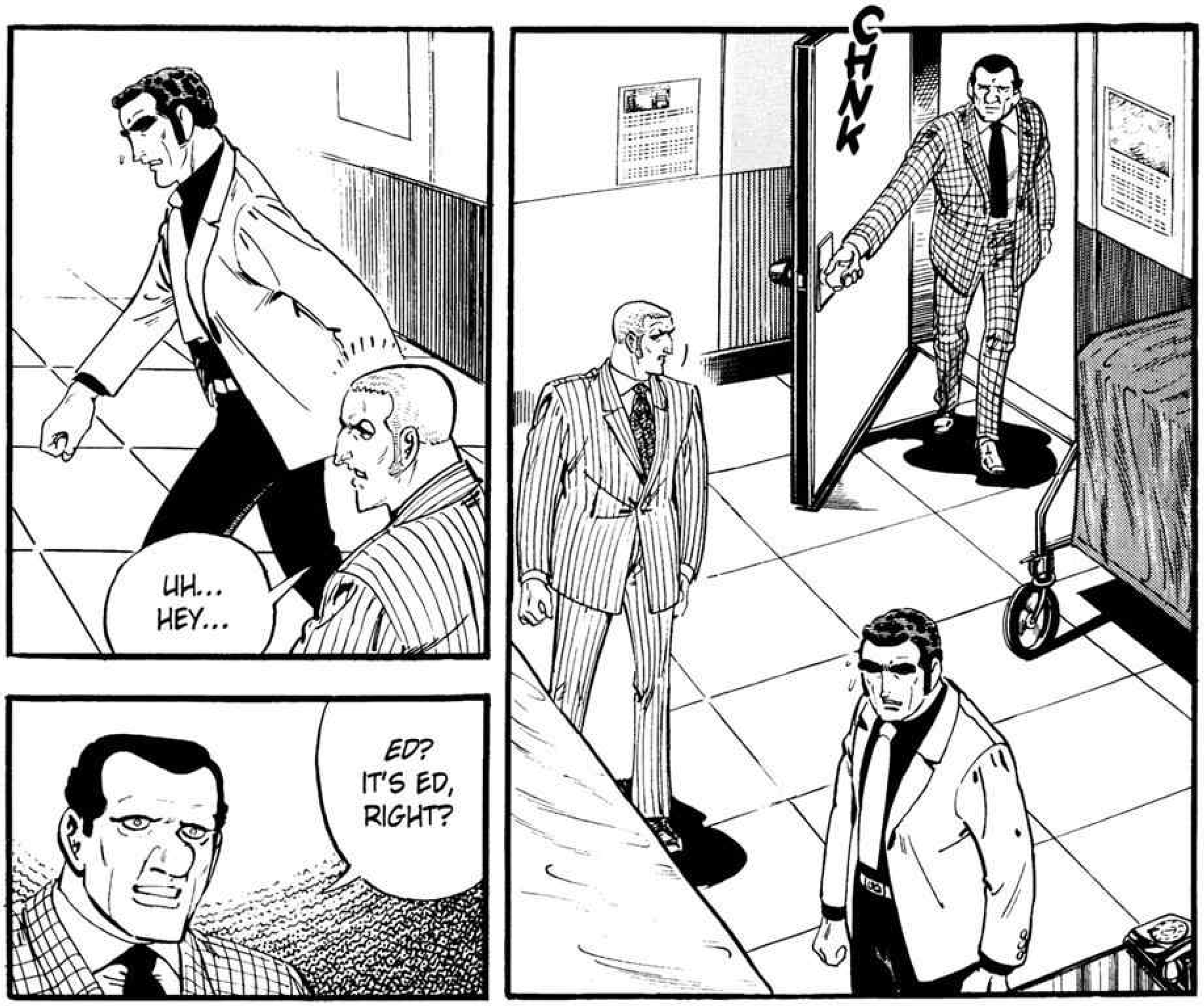
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HEY...
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ED?
IT'S ED,
RIGHT?

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HEY.
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BEEN A
WHILE!

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I DIDN'T REALIZE...

OH...SAY... SAY, I'M SORRY, ED...

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MARRIED ?

YOU KNOW HIM, INSPECTOR? IT'S PRETTY ROUGH...THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE MARRIED NEXT MONTH...

...ED, OR WHATEVER BASTARD DID THIS.

GOD! THAT'S EVEN WORSE. I DON'T KNOW WHO I FEEL SORRIER FOR...

YOU DON'T KNOW? IT WAS BEFORE YOU JOINED THE FORCE. ED MIGLIONE USED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST DETECTIVES ON THE SFPD.

YOU WANT TO ELABO-RATE ON THAT?

SIR?

...BUT HE TOOK HIS REP WITH HIM.

HE'S A P.I. NOW...

!!

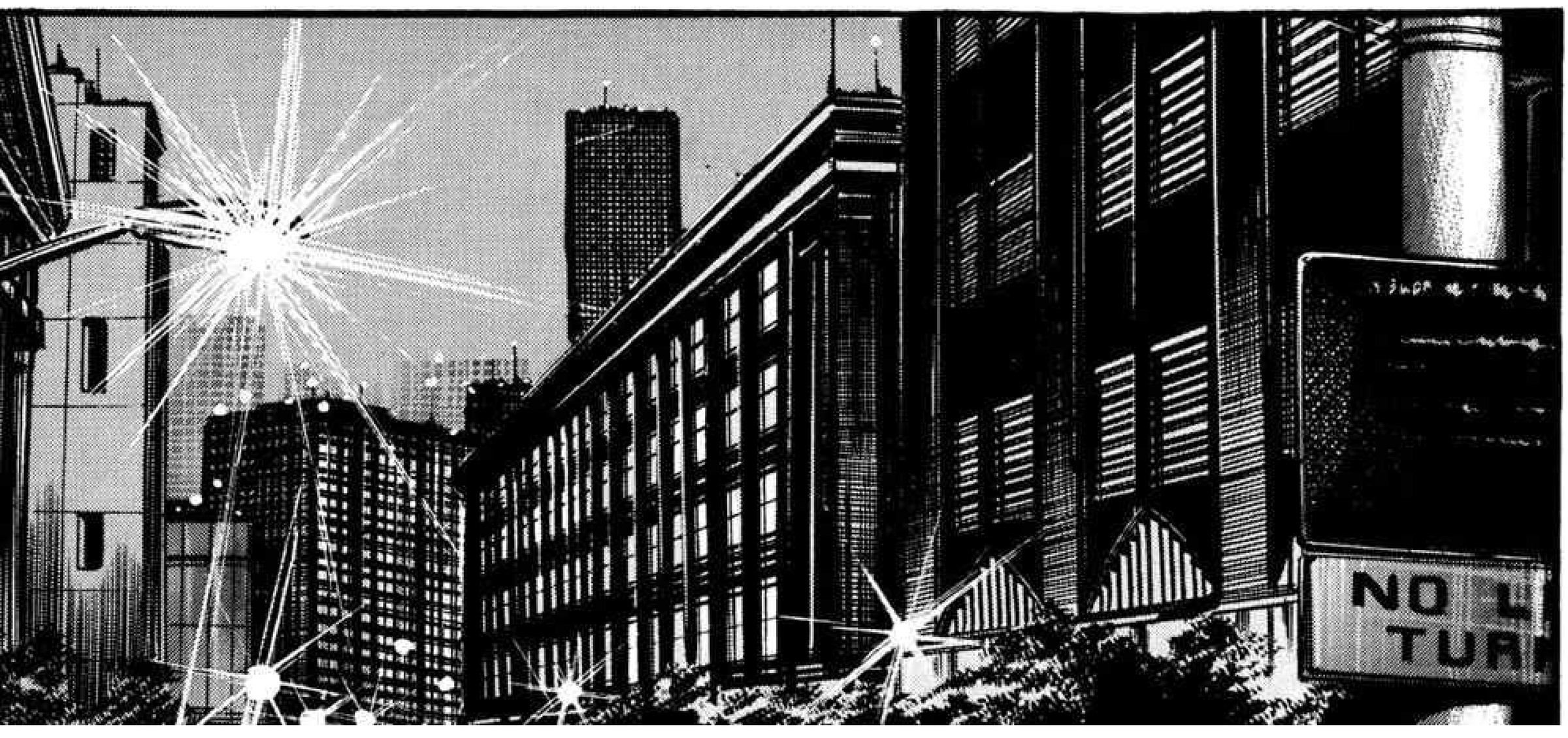
GOLGO 13...?

WHY DID HE... QUIT...?

.....

FREELANCER, KILLS FOR BIG MONEY...SNIPER.. YOU ARE KINDA *GREEN*, AREN'T YOU, SERGEANT PETRIE?

HE MADE A BAD, BAD MISTAKE ONCE...THAT TIME GOLGO 13 DID THE HIT AT THE HOTEL UTAH...



PART 2 THE EX-DETECTIVE

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...SO WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND...?
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MAYBE THEY JUNKED THE CAR.

I'M DOING MY BEST, MR. MIGLIONE... IN FACT, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
HOW'S THE INVESTIGATION GOING...?

.....
.....
...SUBMIT A THEFT REPORT...
YEAH... THAT'S WHAT I'D DO...

...A LOT OF CARS GET STOLEN AROUND HERE.

WE'RE DOING THAT, BUT, YOU KNOW...

CHECK THE THEFT REPORTS IN THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR, TOO. CHECK 'EM CAREFULLY.

I'LL HELP.

GIMME THE LIST.

IT'S JUST GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME.

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WELL, OKAY-- WANNA TAKE A FUCKIN' *BREAK*, THEN?!

CAN'T DO THAT SIR...AGAINST REGULATIONS...

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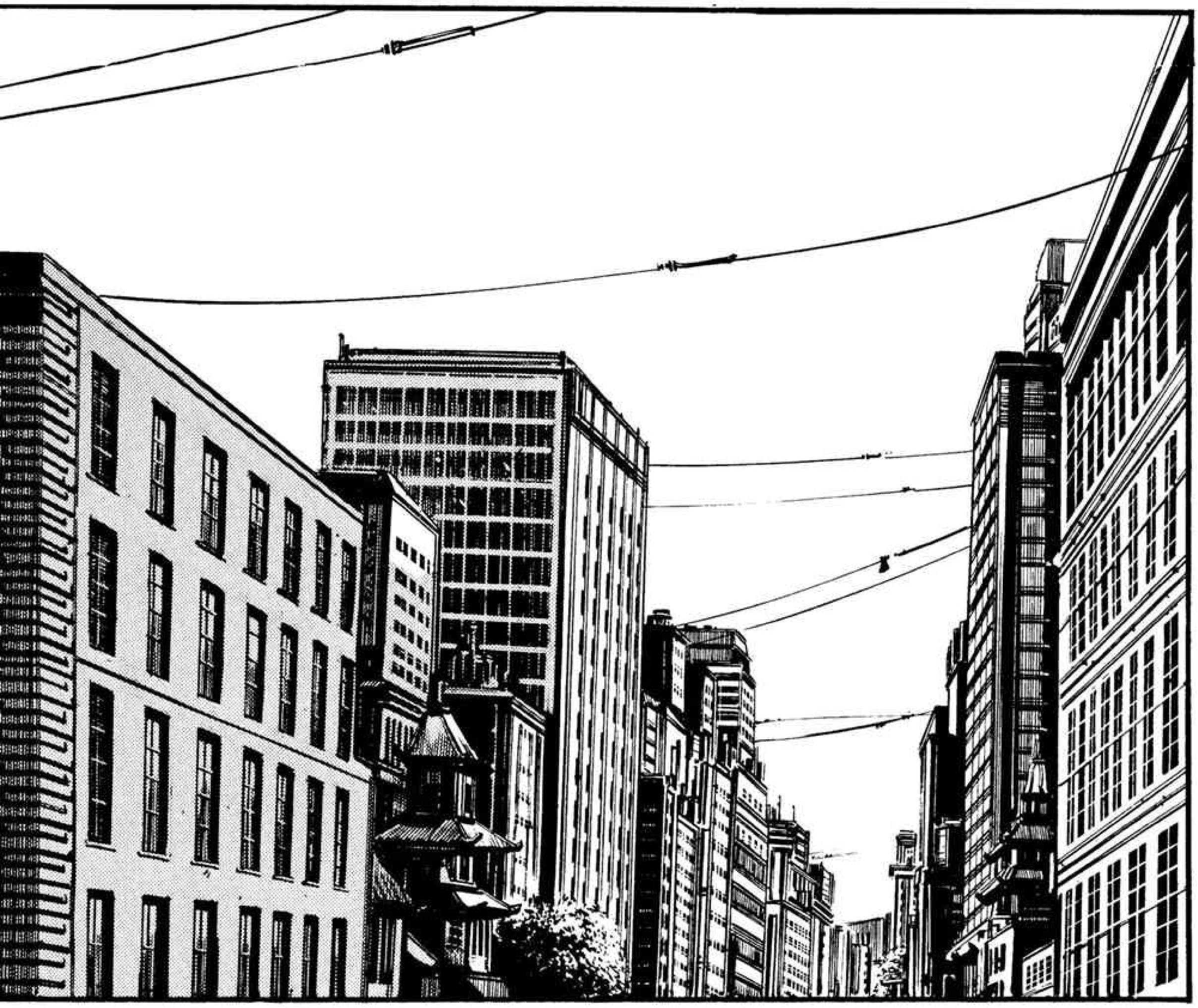

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DON'T LOOK AT THAT WHILE I'M GONE. IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS.

MEN'S ROOM.

SLAM

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PART 3

THE CUT SHOP

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CHAK CHAKKA CHAKKA

SHEEE

CHAKKA CHAKKA CHAKKA

HEY... WHO'RE YOU?

CHNK

HEAR THOSE COPS !?

ROLL IT DOWN! QUICK!

Uhh uhhhh!

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WHAT THE...WHAT THE *FUCK*, MAN!?

QUITE A RACKET OUT THERE, HUH? I BET THIS'D BE JUST ANOTHER BANG.

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NOW I'M *SURE* THEY WON'T HEAR IT.

Y'KNOW ...?

BOOM

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CHIIKK CHIK

WAIT... *WAIT!*

CHAK

SAY, I KNOW YOU GOT A REP TO MAINTAIN. I UNDERSTAND. I STRIP PARTS TOO.

AGHH!

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I *DO* WANNA KNOW SOME-THING.

HOW'D YOU GUESS ...?

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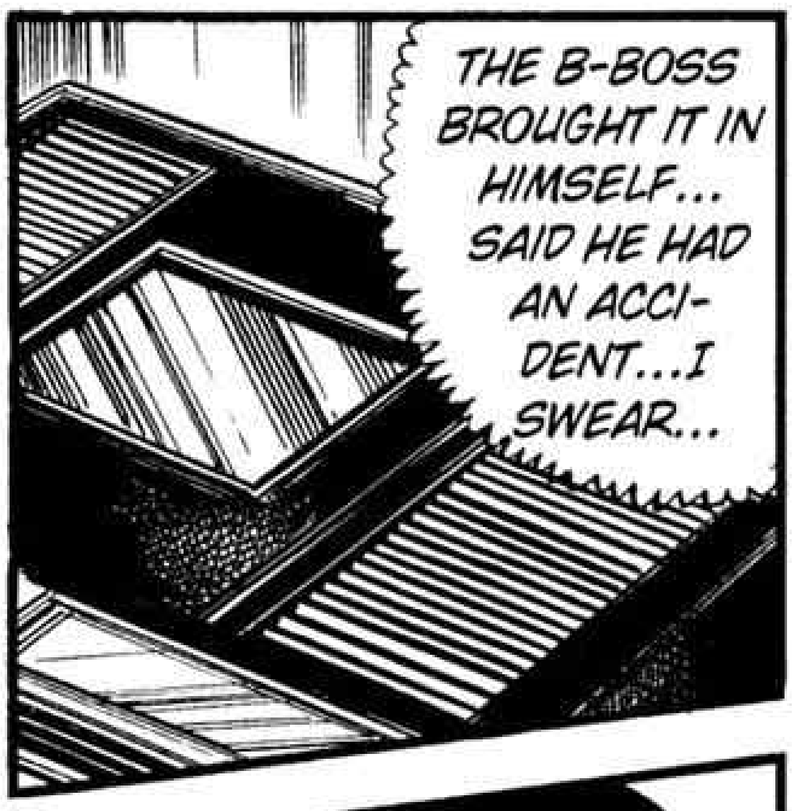
I'LL TELL YA! *OKAY?* I'LL TELL YA!

WH... WHADDYA WANNA KNOW ?



PART 4

DECLINE TO PURSUE

CAR'S ALREADY STRIPPED DOWN.

ILLEGAL INVESTI-GATION.

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ED...THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE EVER FUCKED UP.

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SIR!?

.....

.....

...BUT I KNOW WHAT A *LAWYER'S* GOING TO SAY.

GUY SOUNDS HYSTERICAL. I'M NOT GONNA SAY ANYTHING, ED...

WE HAVE THIS TAPE!

!

...HE'D CHANGE HIS TUNE FOR GEORGIE BOY.

EVEN IN COURT...

...HUH ?

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S JUST LIKE THE FIRST TIME.

MAIS

. . . . . .

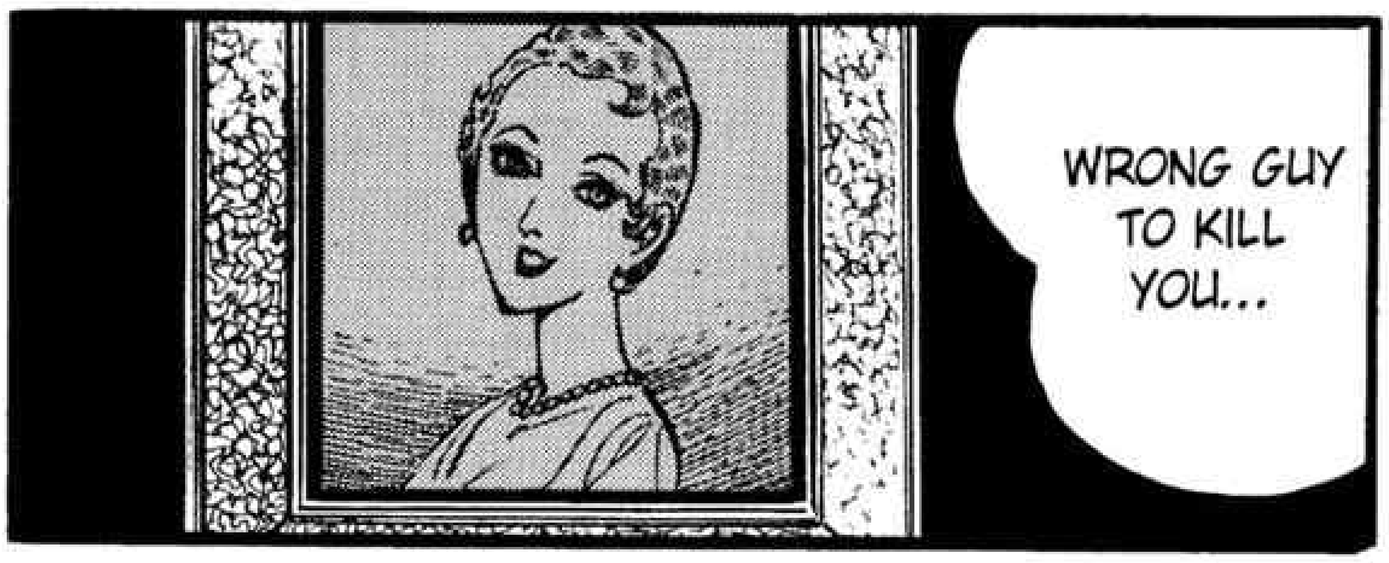
LET HIM GO. AND *HE* MIGHT HAVE TO LET IT GO.

. . . . . .

IF HE AIN'T CONFESSING ON HIS *RACKETS*, HE SURE AS HELL AIN'T GONNA CONFESS TO A HIT-AND-RUN!

TOOK HIM IN ON *WHAT*? AND *WHAT* FOR?

WHAT IF WE TOOK ANDREOU IN?


WRONG GUY TO KILL YOU...

LOOKS LIKE YOU PICKED THE WRONG GUY.

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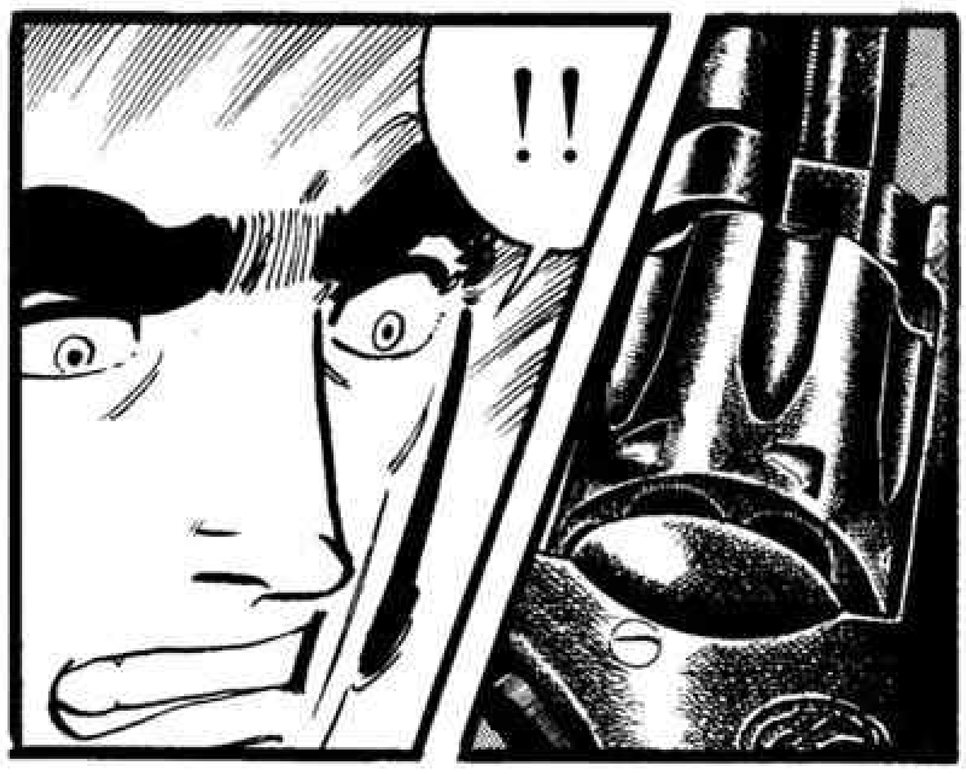
...WRONG GUY TO AVENGE YOU.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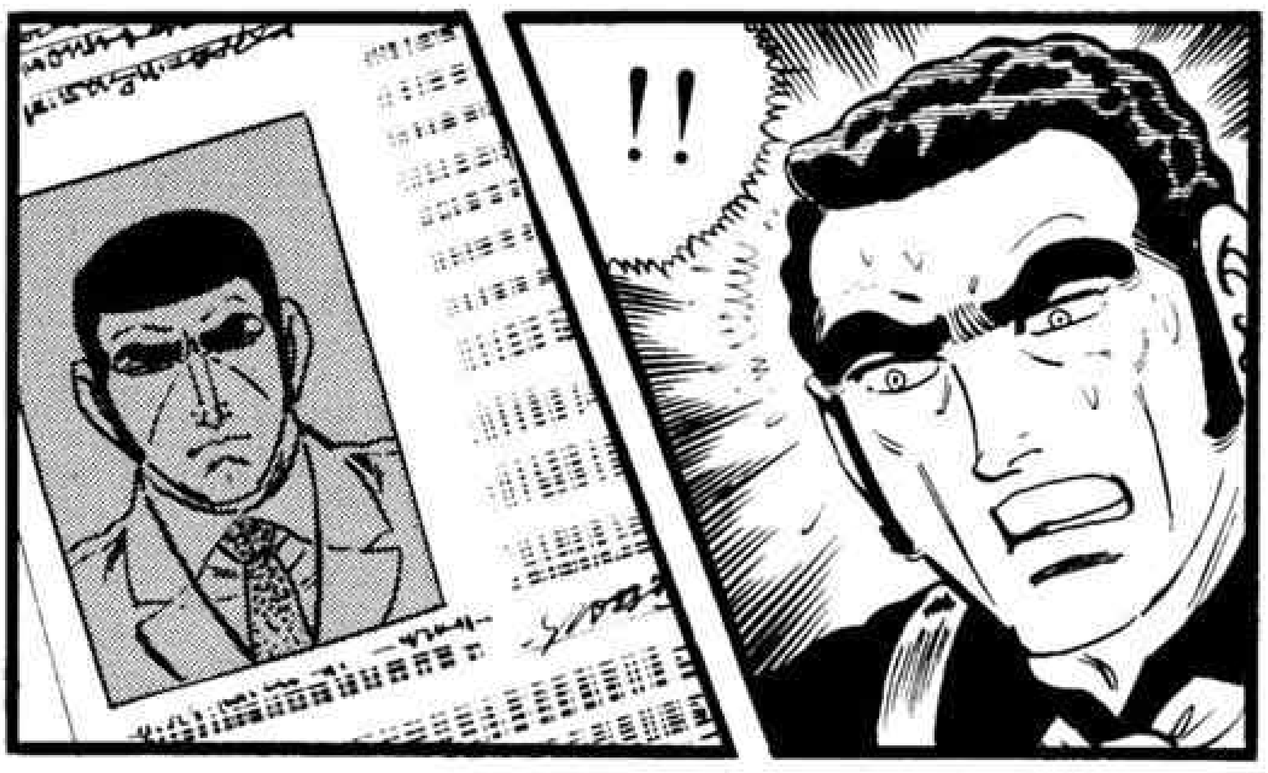
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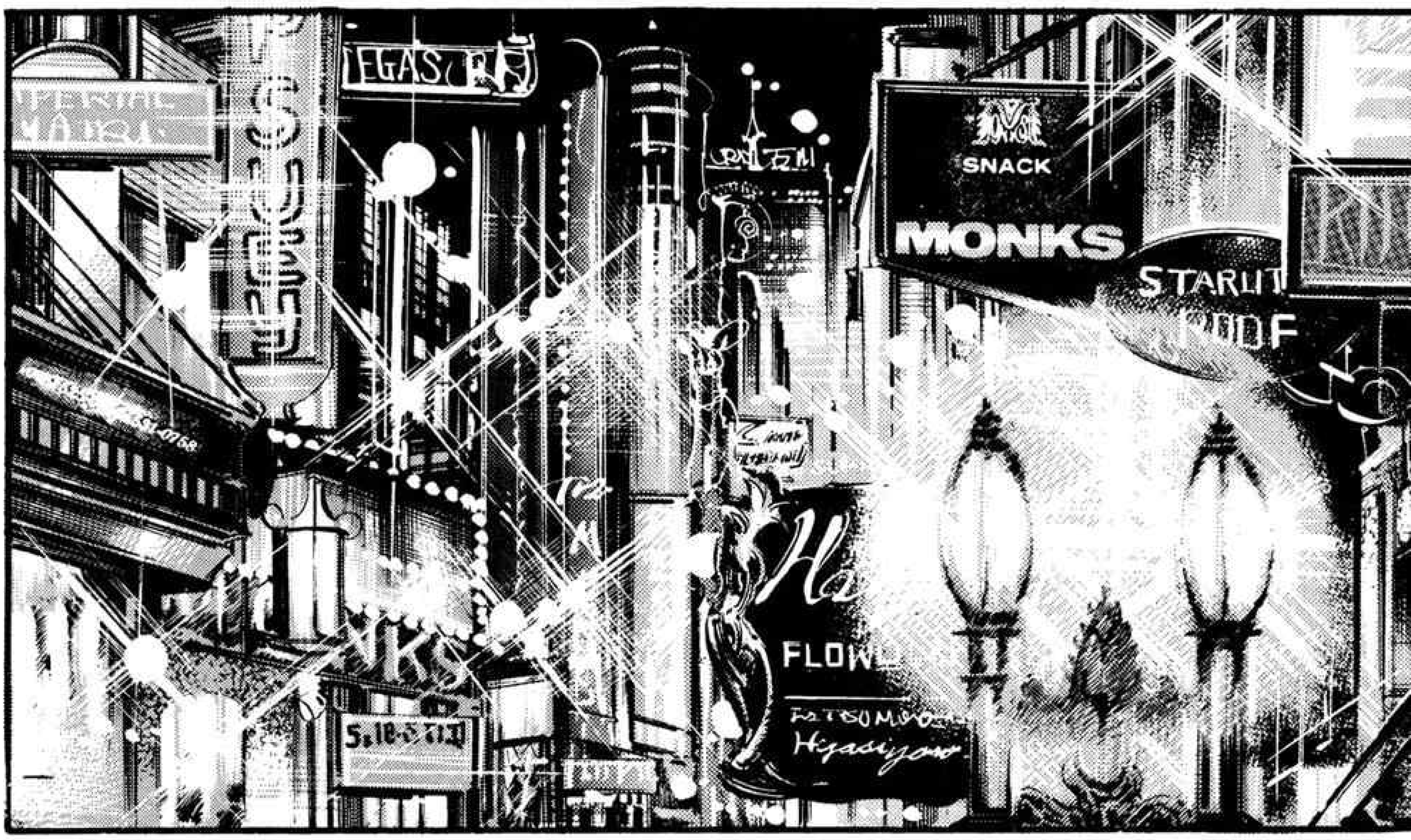

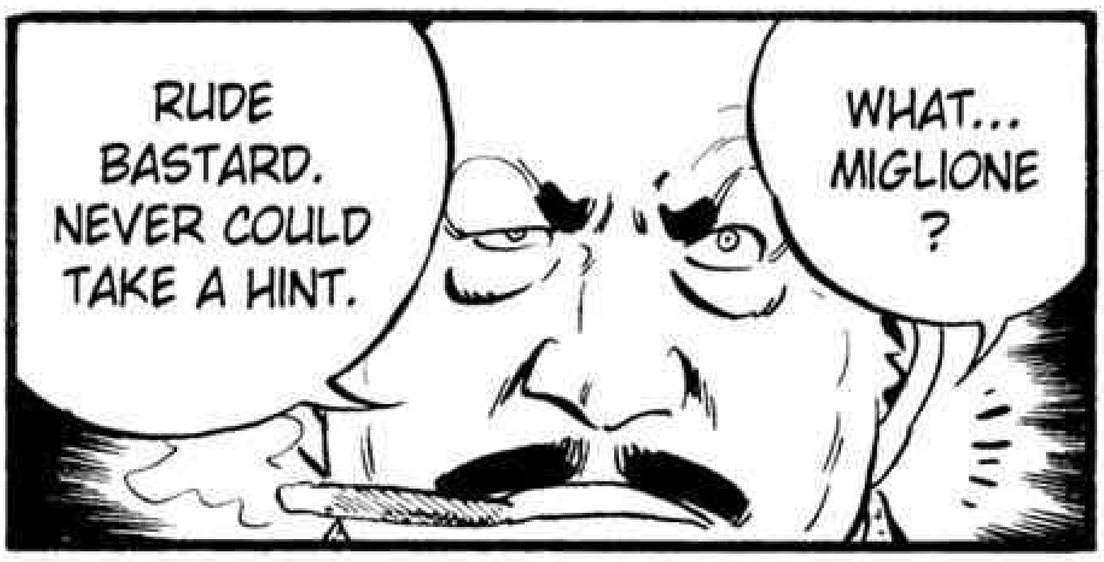

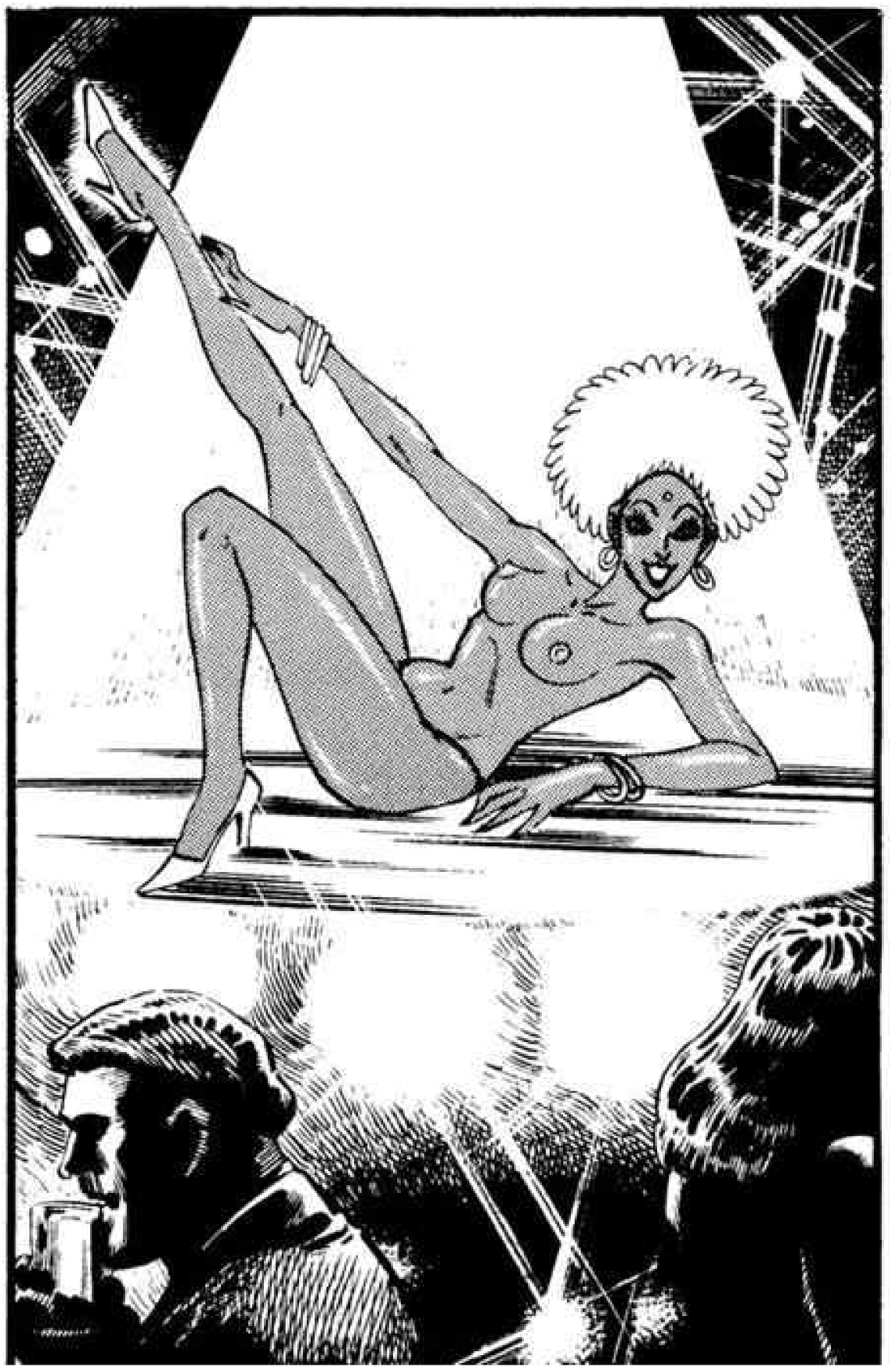

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DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT CAR ANY-MORE.

SO WHAT ...?

IT'S LIKE...SEE, HE THINKS YOU, UH...ACCIDENTALLY, SEE...HIS WOMAN GOT STRUCK BY A CAR, AND...

WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

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N-NO, GEORGIE... THAT'S NOT WHAT I CAME TO SAY.

BUT AM I SUPPOSED TO PAY YOU FOR THIS CRAP?

NOW, I LIKE YOU, NICK. TWITCH AND ALL.

...SICK, SICK, SICK.

YOU'RE A SICK MAN, NICK...

YOU CAN WORK ME OVER IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT!

HEH-HEH-HEH, CASH STRAIGHT UP, RIGHT...

OH, DO TELL.

SO HE HIRED SOMEONE.

OKAY, SO THE THING IS...THIS ED MIGLIONE GUY...HE KNOWS HE CAN'T TOUCH GEORGE ANDREOU, RIGHT...

OUT WITH IT!

THANK YOU... THANK YOU...

HEE-HEE!

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HIRED WHO?

WHAT?

!!

THIS GUY. FROM THAT THING ON BRYANT STREET. THE SNIPER.

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DUKE TOGO! THEY CALL HIM *GOLGO 13!*

YOU *GOTTA* HEARD OF THIS GUY! SHOT 'IM FROM A BLOCK AWAY, HIDING BEHIND THE COCA-COLA SIGN!

YEAH... OKAY...

!

TAKE THE CASH AND BEAT IT, NICK!

SHAD-DAP!

.....

WHO IS HE? WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

HEY, BOSS... WHAT'S WRONG?

DON'T WORRY, MR. ANDREOU. IF THAT GUY OR ANYONE TRIES TO CUT UP ROUGH, WHY, WE'LL JUST--

AND HE AIN'T *GONNA* DO SHIT!

.....

...BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, HE AIN'T DONE SHIT.

WHADDYA THINK? YEAH, ED MIGLIONE'S BEEN SNIFFING AROUND...

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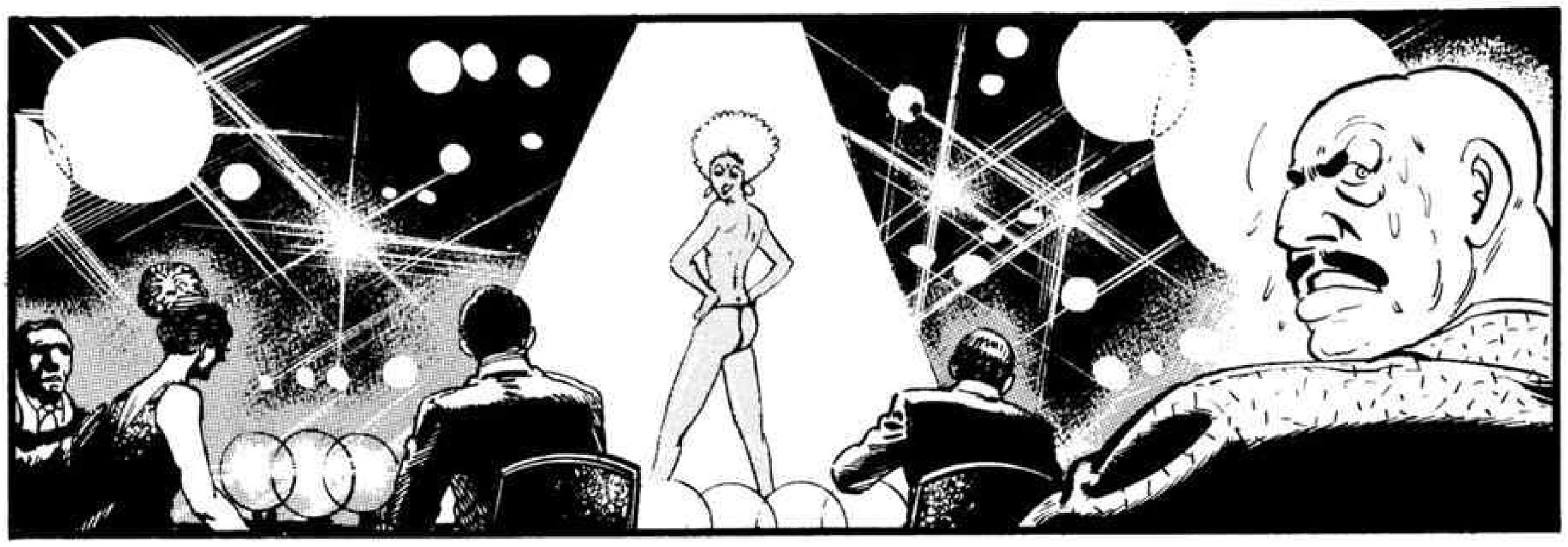
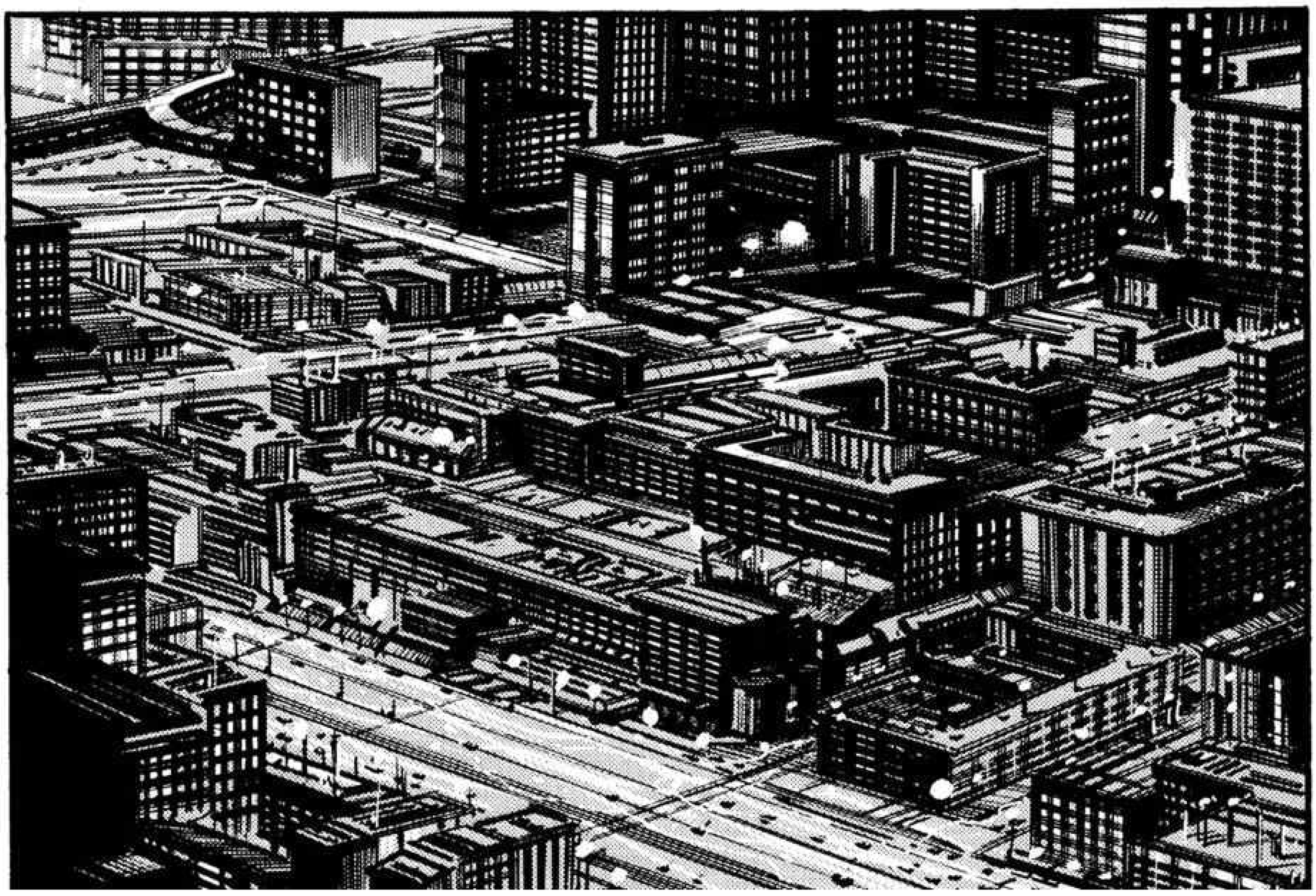
SHUT THE FUCK UP, YOU GUYS!





PART 6

TREMBLER

CHOP MIGLIONE OUT! TONIGHT!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT! NO COMEBACKS, OKAY?!

FOR BACK-UP!

YOU HEARD ME! USE BRYCE AND CARAZZA!

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STUPID BITCH!

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I-I FORGOT...

DON'T YOU GET IT? HE--

I TOLD YOU NOT TO OPEN THE CURTAINS!

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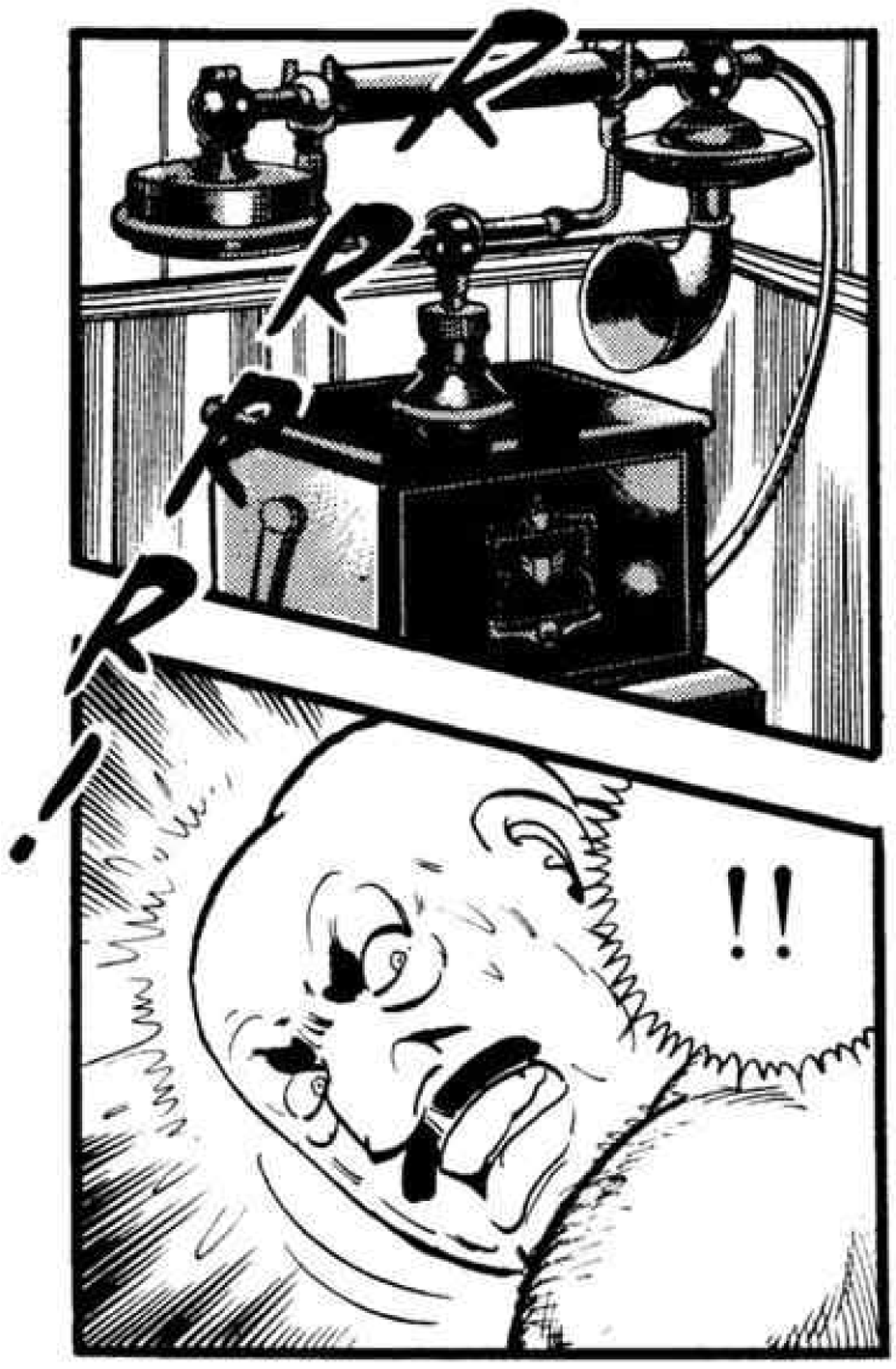
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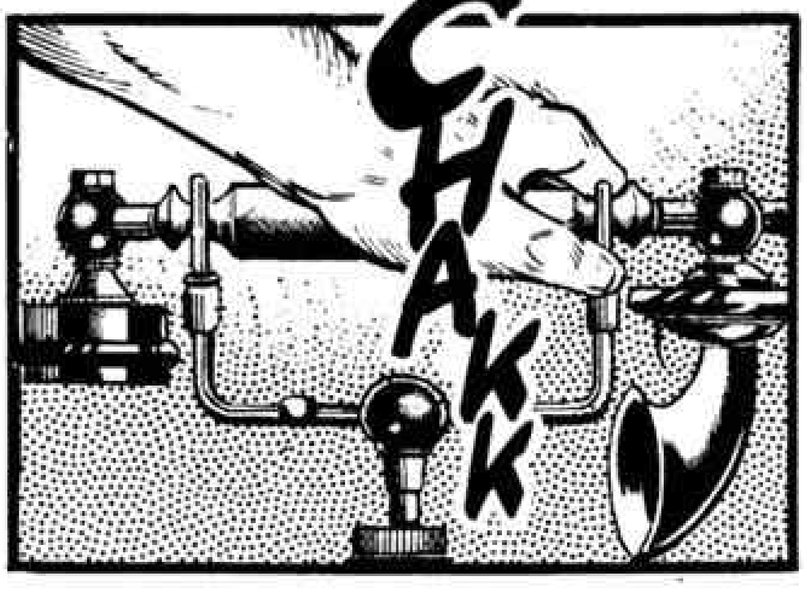
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WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO CALL OFF THE HIT!
WHAT? GONE?! L-LOOK--DON'T KILL HIM! JUST FIND HIM AND BRING HIM HERE!

WHAT'S WRONG, BABY... ?
HEY...

WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED ...?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ...?

LEAVE ME ALONE!
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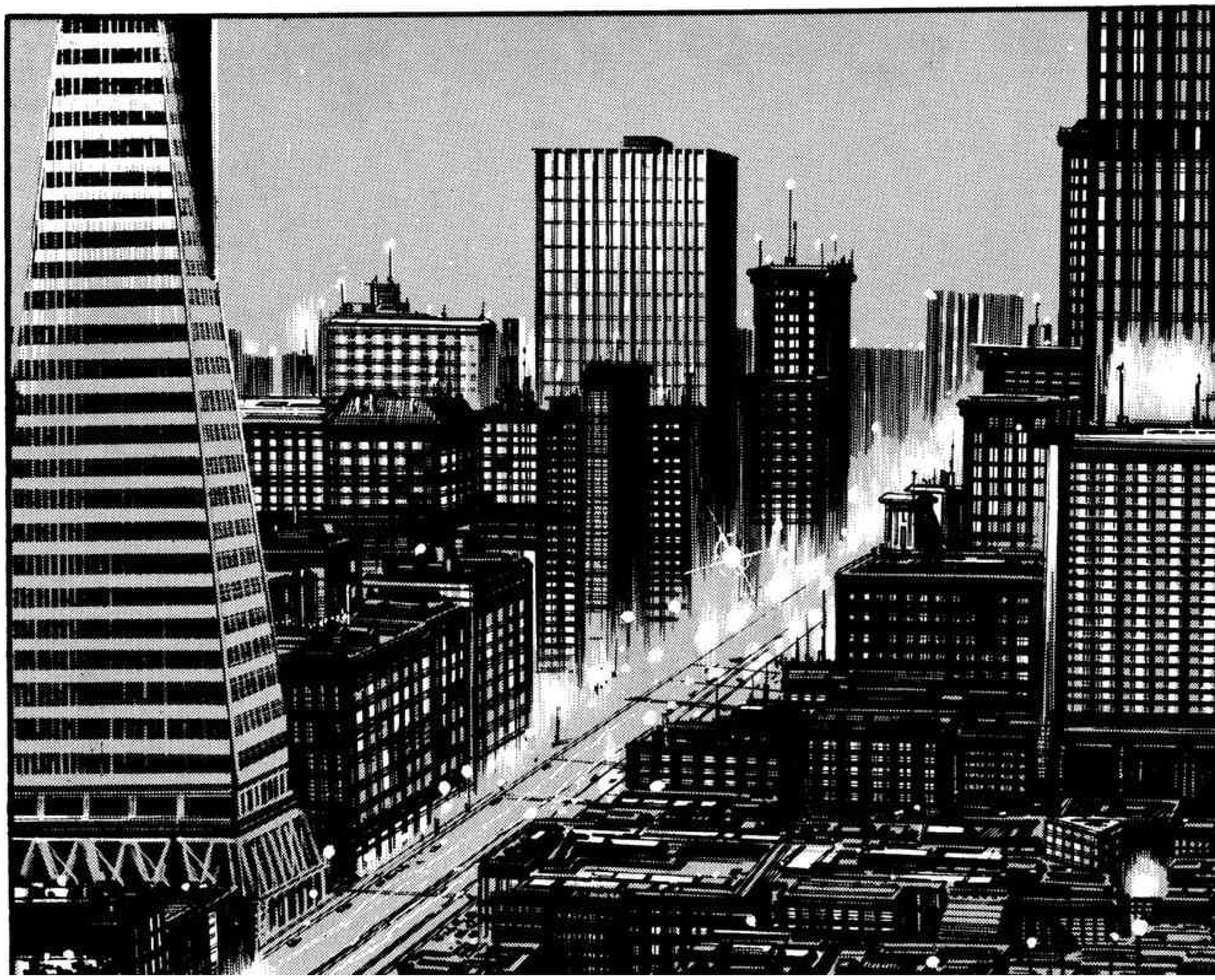

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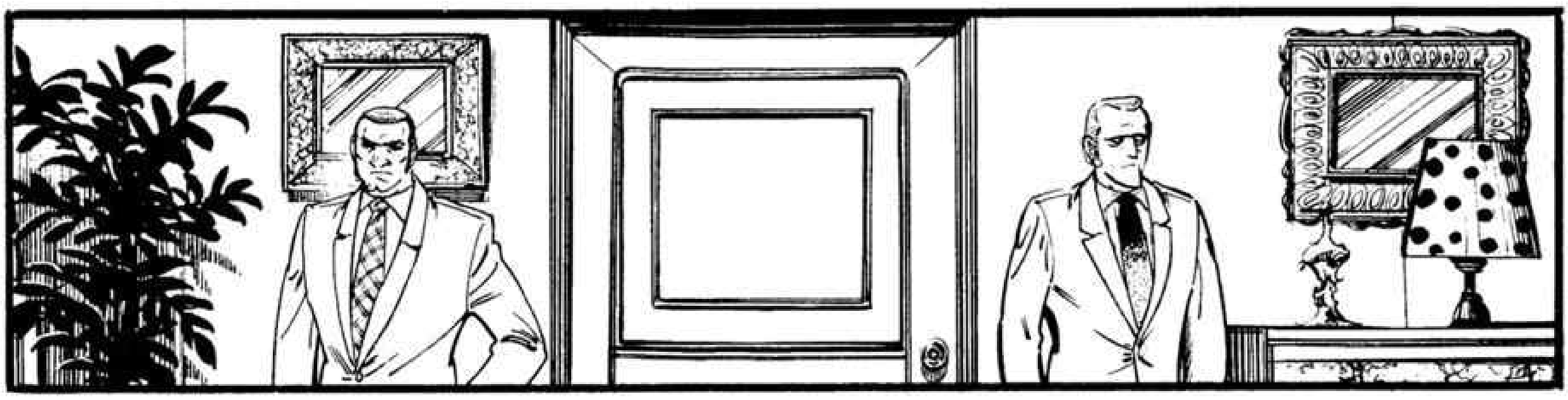

HEY! W-WAIT!

DON'T YOU GET IT? I'M TALKING TO A DEAD MAN.

WH... WHAT !?

THE STATUS IS THAT I'M SWITCHING BUYERS, GEORGE. IT'S BEEN NICE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU.

FIRST LASALLE, THEN MORALES, NOW GEHLER! THEY'RE ALL TURNING AGAINST ME!

SHIT! BASTARD!

KA-KA-KA-

click

?

WE'RE SAYING, IT'S THE END FOR YOU... GEORGE.

...WH-WHAT THE FUCK IS YOUR PROBLEM...?

IT MEANS WE'RE *QUITTING!* YOU NEED *SANDBAGS*, NOT BODYGUARDS, OKAY? I AIN'T STOPPING NO M16 SLUG!

HOLD IT, GUYS!

I GOT JUST ONE LIFE.

WHAT'S *THAT* MEAN ?!

W... WHAT !?

I-I'LL DOUBLE YOUR PAY!

WAIT!

SFX

I'LL...

SMASH

CHAK

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I COULD RUN FOR IT, AND...

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...THE AIRPORT...

THE...

!!

B-BUT IF I STAY HERE...

HE'LL GET ME!

EEEYA!

DONGGG

DONGGG

.....

KKKKK!!!

...

HELP ME...

P... POLICE...

THMP

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PART 8 REST IN PEACE

I RAN HER OVER...

I DID IT...

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JUST... *PLEASE!* PROTECT ME!

I'LL GIVE UP MY SUPPLIERS! WHATEVER YOU WANT!

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HE CRACKED LIKE AN EGG! HE'LL DO TIME ON THE VEHICULAR MAN-SLAUGHTER ...

YEAH?

HE CONFESSED... ALL OF IT.

ME? I JUST TOOK A POTSHOT AT HIS WINDOW.

ED...WHAT DID YOU *DO* TO HIM...?

...BUT WE'RE CUTTING DEALS ON EVERY-THING...THIS IS GOING TO TAKE DOWN HIS WHOLE NETWORK.

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HUH !?

THANKS FOR EVERY-THING.

SAY-- YOU DIDN'T *REALLY* HIRE GOLGO 13... DID YOU?

WELL, SO MUCH FOR GEORGIE BOY, HUH?

.....

POLICE

YOU THINK I COULD HIRE HIM ON MY PAY?

PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU, MAN! I LIKE YOUR STYLE!
GOOD ENOUGH PAYBACK.
HE'LL GET EIGHT YEARS AND BE GLAD TO BE SAFE BEHIND BARS...
...BUT I'VE GOT TO SETTLE FOR IT.
NO, NOT NEARLY ENOUGH ...
heh-heh!
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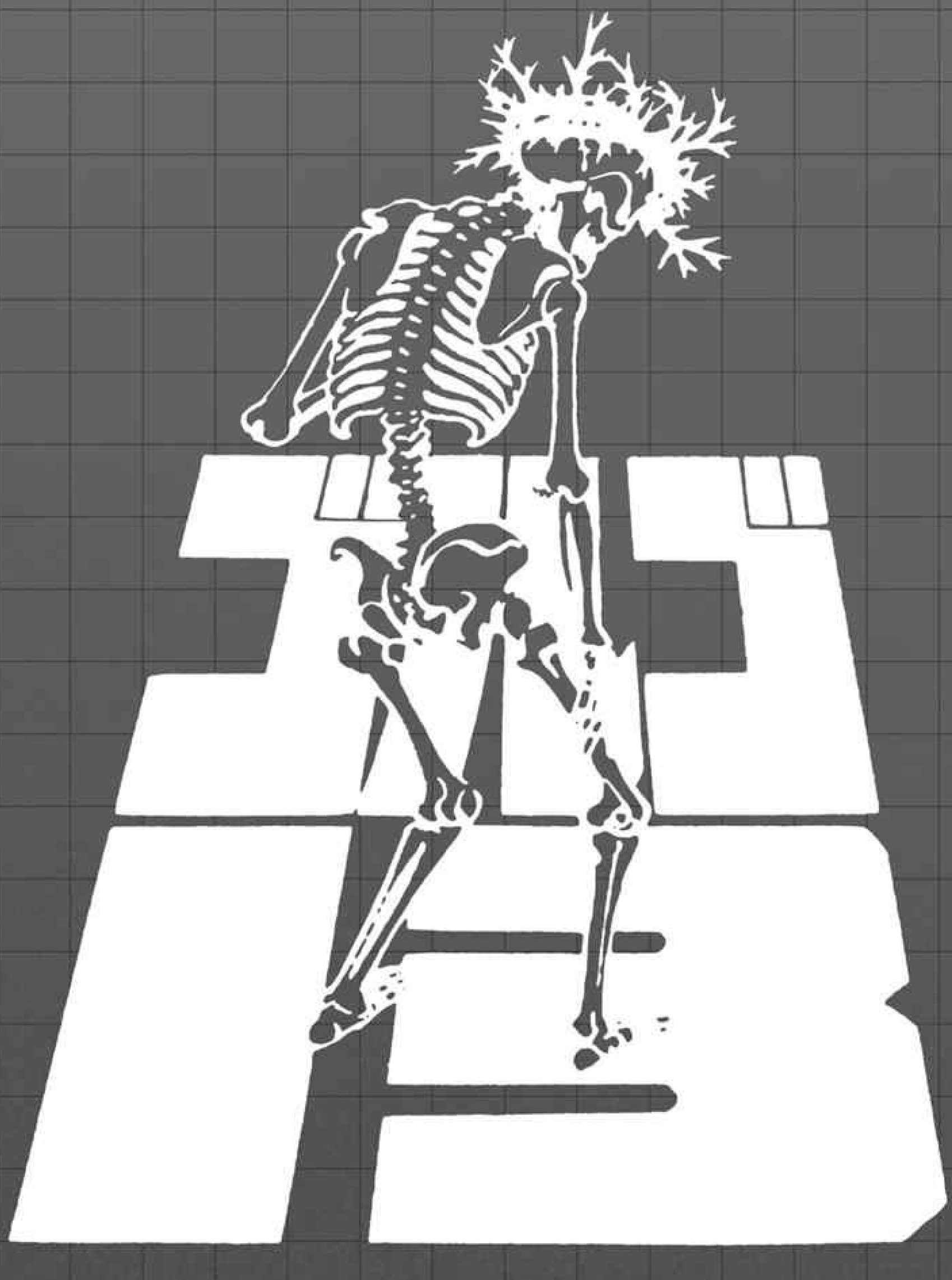
FILE 13

Secrets of the World's Deadliest Assassin



Summary: History and profile of **GOLGO 13** (a.k.a. "Duke Togo," other aliases) since 1968; sources include former KGB, CIA, MI-6, Mossad, and other world intelligence agencies.

GOLGO 13
PERSONAL DATA

Name: Duke Togo (Unknown if real or birth name; however, this is what he calls himself) Golgo 13 (professional alias)

Date of Birth: Unknown

Age: Unknown

Height: 182cm (estimated)

Weight: 80kg (estimated)

Blood Type: A

Eye Color: Black

Hair Color: Black, straight

Address: Unknown (owns multiple pieces of land and houses around the world)

Nationality: Unknown. MI-6 believes him to be Japanese; CIA believes him to be of Japanese descent; KGB believed him to be a Japanese-German mix. Various other theories of his origin have been presented, including the idea that he is a Japanese-American, or that he is a Japanese of partial Russian ancestry. His uncanny talent for languages (see below) serves to further obscure the question.

Occupation: Sniper

Personality: Calm and composed

Weapons: Mainly uses variations of the Armalite M16 (currently using the model M16A2). Known to have also employed target rifles made by Walther, Anschütz, Weatherby, and SIG Arms. Observed to carry a Smith & Wesson .38 revolver for self-defense. Proficient in archery and improvised explosives. Gun or knife draw speed is 0.17 seconds.

Sniping Distance: Greatest recorded distance is a kill at 2000 meters.

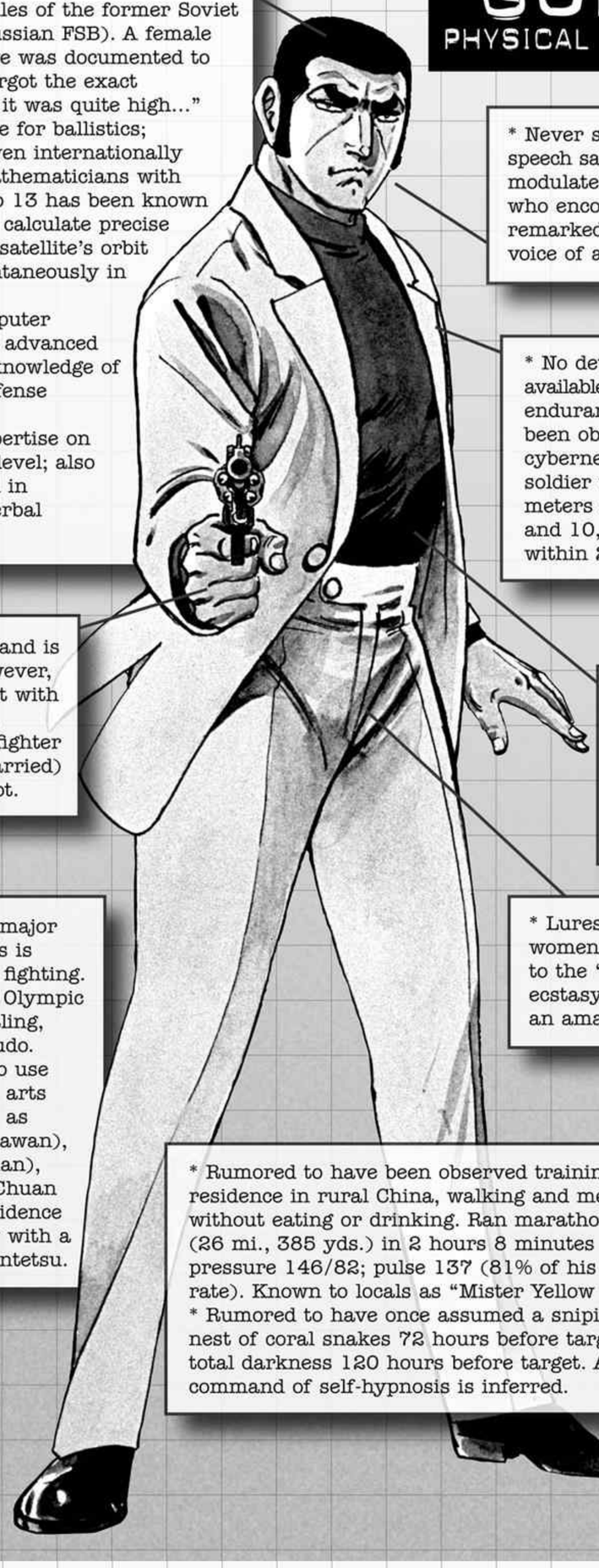
Languages: Ranks with the world's top linguists. He has been documented as speaking English, German, French, Spanish, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Portuguese, Arabic, Hindi, Mandarin, Malay, Cantonese, Japanese, Inuktitut, Italian, Hebrew and Tagalog. Some familiarity with the aboriginal languages of New Guinea.

G's Analects: Golgo 13 once told a client in 1984 that he would break down his own professional methods as

"10% talent . . . 20% effort . . . 30% cowardice . . . the remaining 40% is . . . probably luck."

(Story #218, "Rockford's Ambition: Blind Spot in the Strategy")

GOLGO 13
PHYSICAL OBSERVATIONS



* IQ unknown, though it is rumored to be in the files of the former Soviet KGB (now Russian FSB). A female KGB operative was documented to remark, "I forgot the exact number...but it was quite high..."
* Innate sense for ballistics; has struck even internationally renowned mathematicians with wonder. Golgo 13 has been known to accurately calculate precise changes in a satellite's orbit almost instantaneously in his head.
* Skilled computer programmer; advanced engineering knowledge of aerospace defense technology.
* Medical expertise on a M.D./PhD. level; also highly skilled in traditional herbal remedies.

* Never speaks idly, but speech said to be beautifully modulated; a film director who encountered him once remarked that he had "the voice of a movie star."

* No detailed information available on cardiovascular endurance, but he has been observed to defeat a cybernetically-enhanced soldier track-rated at 100 meters in 10.02 seconds and 10,000 meters within 28 minutes.

* Dominant hand is his right; however, can also shoot with the left hand. Skilled knife fighter (thrown or carried) and pistol shot.

* Strong abdominal muscles; can do sit-ups while holding two 20kg dumbbells.

* Training of major muscle groups is optimized for fighting. Has achieved Olympic level in wrestling, boxing, and judo. Known to also use other martial arts systems such as Kobudo (Okinawan), Sambo (Russian), and T'ai Chi Chuan (Chinese). Evidence of proficiency with a traditional suntetsu.

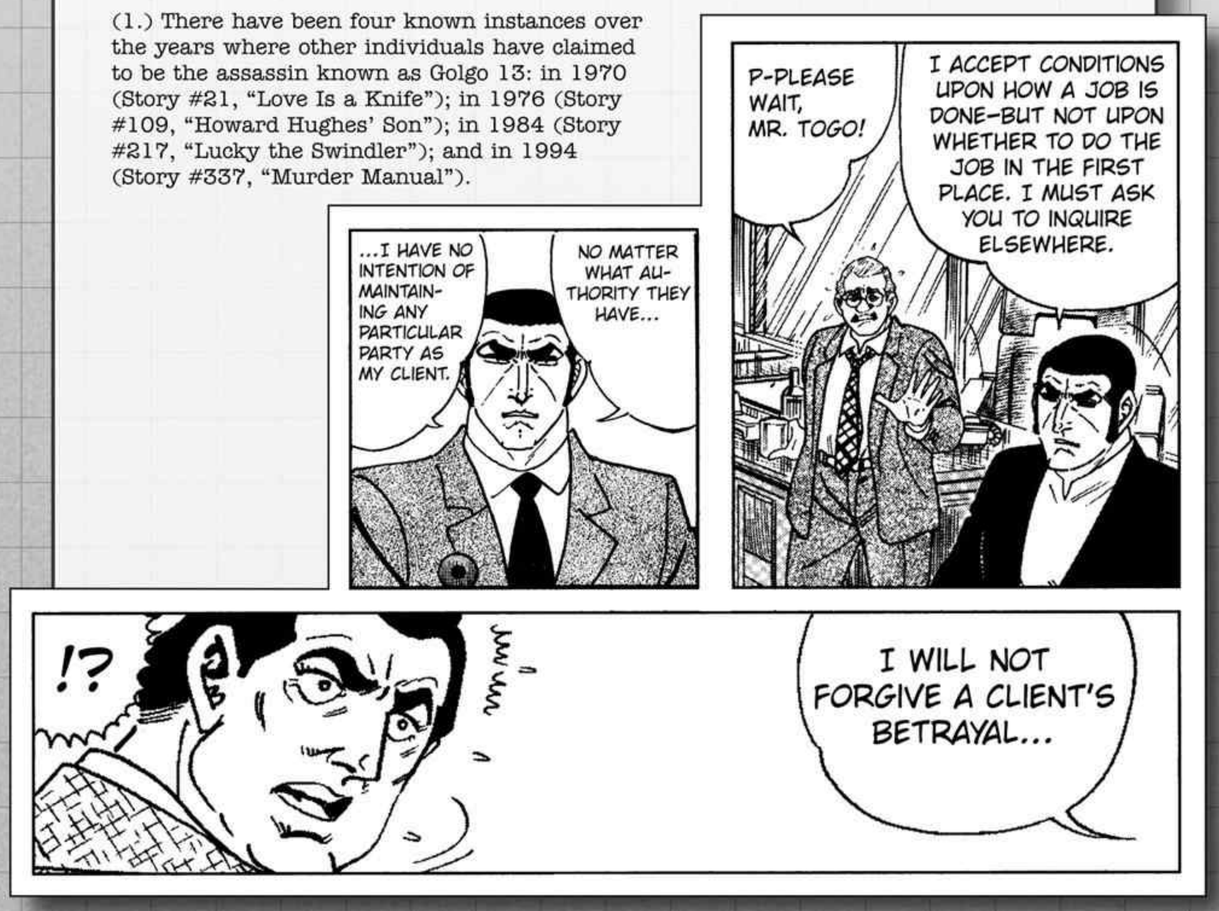
* Lures all the women in the world to the "height of ecstasy"; at any rate, an amazing penis.

* Rumored to have been observed training at a mountain residence in rural China, walking and meditating for days without eating or drinking. Ran marathon course nearby (26 mi., 385 yds.) in 2 hours 8 minutes 31 seconds; blood pressure 146/82; pulse 137 (81% of his highest pulse rate). Known to locals as "Mister Yellow Demon."
* Rumored to have once assumed a sniping position in a nest of coral snakes 72 hours before target, and once in total darkness 120 hours before target. A complete command of self-hypnosis is inferred.

GOLGO 13
CONDITIONS FOR ACCEPTING A JOB

- Will not meet with the client a second time as a general rule.
- Will not accept commissions other than sniping (i.e., recovery of an object, intelligence-gathering, etc.) as a general rule.
- Kills all witnesses at the scene of crime as a general rule.
- Kills without hesitation any people who lie to him, betray him, or may pose an imminent danger to him on a job (regardless of the offender's rationale).
- When he kills the above, said people must die by his own hands. Suicide is not allowed.
- As a general rule, will not accept commissions where the client's reason is unclear, or where the client will not show his face. (He expresses this principle as "I don't do one-way jobs.")
- All fees to be paid in advance, either directly in cash or by deposit to his Swiss bank account.
- No double contracts. Should he happen to receive the same commission from different clients at the same time, he will only accept payment from the client with the prior contract.
- Journalists who try to write an article on him, or people who try to uncover his identity will receive one warning. Those who back off will be unharmed; those ignoring the warning will be killed.
- Will not have any special customers; i.e., will not show particular favor to, or develop a favored relationship with, any one client.
- Will not permit anyone to impersonate him. (see note 1)

(1.) There have been four known instances over the years where other individuals have claimed to be the assassin known as Golgo 13: in 1970 (Story #21, "Love Is a Knife"); in 1976 (Story #109, "Howard Hughes' Son"); in 1984 (Story #217, "Lucky the Swindler"); and in 1994 (Story #337, "Murder Manual").


...I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAINTAINING ANY PARTICULAR PARTY AS MY CLIENT.
NO MATTER WHAT AUTHORITY THEY HAVE...
P-PLEASE WAIT, MR. TOGO!
I ACCEPT CONDITIONS UPON HOW A JOB IS DONE—BUT NOT UPON WHETHER TO DO THE JOB IN THE FIRST PLACE. I MUST ASK YOU TO INQUIRE ELSEWHERE.
!?
I WILL NOT FORGIVE A CLIENT'S BETRAYAL...

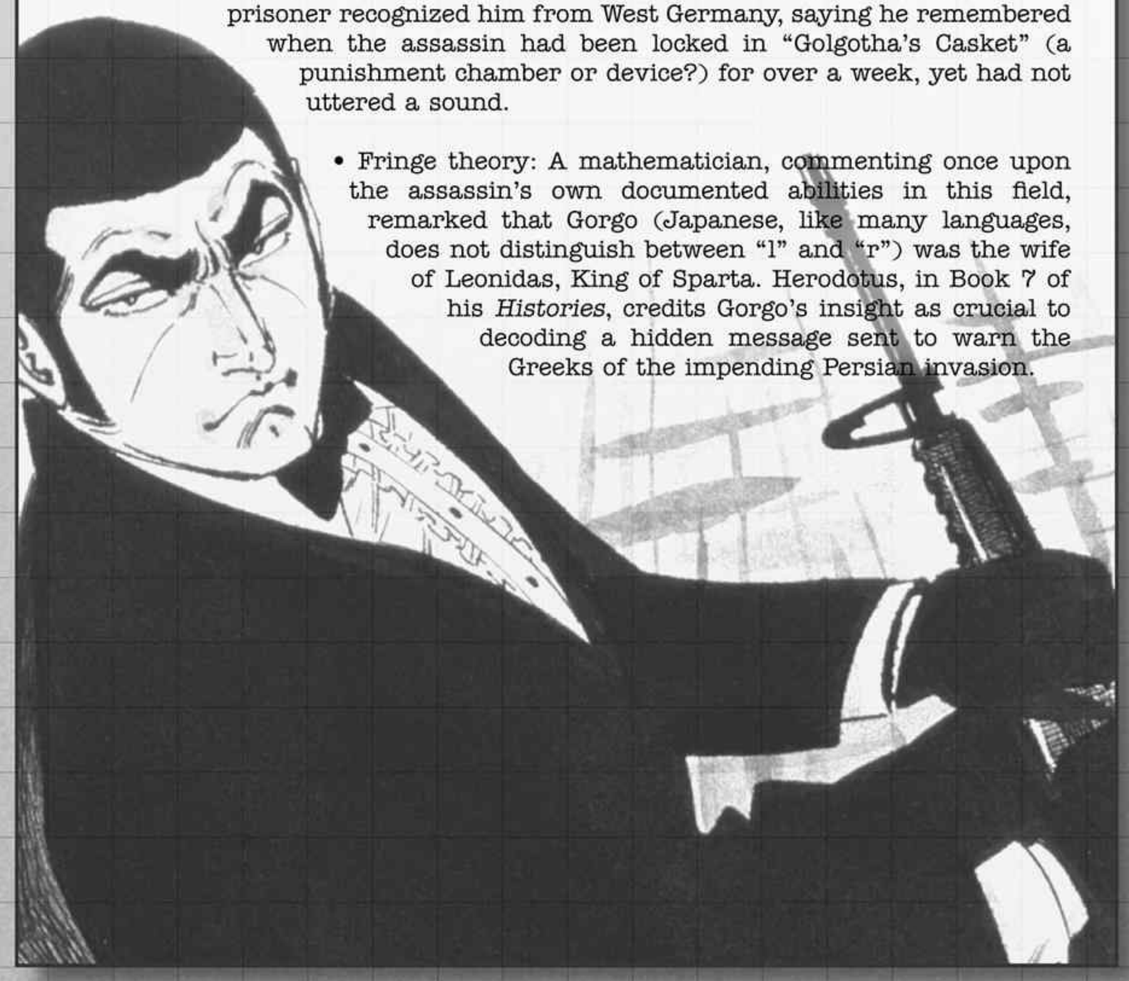
GOLGO 13
THEORIES OF THE ALIAS

The meaning behind the alias "Golgo 13," like the assassin's personal origins, is itself uncertain. MI-6, British Foreign Intelligence, was an early client of Golgo 13's, and the first to observe its resonance with the traditions of the Crucifixion, including its site, *Golgotha* (an English transliteration of the Aramaic Gûlgaltâ, or skull) and Christ's betrayal by the 13th person present at the Last Supper; i.e., Judas Iscariot—often cited as the origin of "13" as a number of ill foreboding. Even if this symbology has become widely accepted, it is not known why (if the theory is in fact true) Golgo 13 chose to associate himself with it.

- There is strong evidence, however, that the man known as Golgo 13 once served prison time in a work camp in the former West Germany. His prison number was G1214, giving rise to the theory that his alias might have meant an assertion that he is neither "G12" nor "G14." It has been suggested the use of "13" may also be intended to stand for the idea that he does not "officially exist," in the way high-rise buildings often symbolically deny having a thirteenth floor (calling it the fourteenth).

- Years later, when Golgo 13 was again interned (in Alaska), a fellow prisoner recognized him from West Germany, saying he remembered when the assassin had been locked in "Golgotha's Casket" (a punishment chamber or device?) for over a week, yet had not uttered a sound.

- Fringe theory: A mathematician, commenting once upon the assassin's own documented abilities in this field, remarked that Gorgo (Japanese, like many languages, does not distinguish between "l" and "r") was the wife of Leonidas, King of Sparta. Herodotus, in Book 7 of his *Histories*, credits Gorgo's insight as crucial to decoding a hidden message sent to warn the Greeks of the impending Persian invasion.



GOLGO 13
FALSE IDENTITIES

In the course of carrying out an assassination contract, Golgo 13 has been observed to utilize a wide variety of false identities, asserting different professions and nationalities—a strategy in which his wide knowledge of languages, cultural adaptability, and impression of mixed ancestry has proved useful. G13 seems nevertheless to prefer a claim of being either Japanese or a foreign national of Japanese descent, and most frequently uses variations on his "regular" alias of "Duke Togo" (possibly because of the relative simplicity of the last name) although other cover names have been documented as well, including the use twice of "Togo Rodriguez." Details of known false identities are listed below; names in parentheses with question mark indicate uncertainties in the record.

• Duke Togo
29-year-old Canadian of Japanese descent, born Regina, Saskatchewan.
• Duke Togo
Second-generation Japanese-American from Hawaii; pharmacologist.
• Duke Togo (nationality unknown)
CEO of Togo Corporation.
• Duke Togo (nationality unknown)
Resident of Milan, Italy.
• Ernest Togo
Englishman of Japanese descent; geological analyst for the Glasgow Mineral Exploration Company.
• Ted Togo
Third-generation Japanese-American.
• Frank Togo
Third-generation Japanese-American. Arrested for obstructing an officer in the course of duty and for suspicion of assault. No previous criminal record.
• Douglas Togo
Third-generation Japanese-American; engineer of a subsidiary company of Jason Petroleum.
• Mr. Togo (no first name given; nationality unknown)
Insurance investigator.
• Daijiro Togo
Japanese. In charge of tourism projects for the Japan World Development Company. Wife named Mayumi; son is Kenichi.
• Takashi Togo
Japanese national. Mining equipment merchant.
• Togo Takashi
Japanese national, currently resident in England; import-export.
• Alain Saijo (French citizen of Japanese descent?)
Asia correspondent for the French newspaper *Le Monde*.
• Mr. Honda (no first name given; presumed Japanese national)
Employee for Nitto Trading.
• Mr. Kobayashi (no first name given)
Reporter. Japanese national.
• Togo Rodriguez
Citizen of the Philippines; born in Badao, Cebu.
Fishing boat crewmember.
38 years old.
• Togo Rodriguez
Citizen of the Philippines; no fixed address, unemployed. Served time in jail after being caught stealing a bicycle. When asked where he was born, answered with "iro iro," meaning "various" (places) in Japanese; however, locals took him to be speaking about the city of Iloilo on Panay.
• Muhammed Togo (Musa?)
Citizen of Turkey. Born in Varto district, Mus province, in the southeast. Sports instructor; Sunni Muslim.
• (Gavriel?) Argamon
Jewish; born 1939, Gdansk, Poland; occupation, bulldozer driver.
• (Vasya?) Urusov. Russian; parents born in Yakutsk.
• Carlos (no last name or nationality given)
Restaurant waiter. A sportsman learning Karate.
• Colonel (János?) Halder
Claimed in 1969 to have been a member of the AVH, the brutal Hungarian secret police disbanded after the failed revolution of 1956. Maintained Japanese and Russian ancestry. Note "Halder" is a German name, a minority group in Hungary.
• Zhou Leifeng (nationality undetermined; PRC or Taiwan?)
28 years old. A youth on his way back to his country after finishing his studies in engineering at Moscow University.
• Zhuang Yongqing
An automobile mechanic from a Ford subsidiary in Taiwan, arriving for an inspection.
• Zhou Longming
Citizen of the People's Republic of China residing in Taiwan; address given as Taipei Qingdong 78, Taiwan; ran a school for T'ai Chi Chuan.
• Song Jingmin
Citizen of the People's Republic of China. Formerly from the Sichuan mechanization unit.

GOLGO 13
HABITS AND METHODS

• Will not shake hands under any circumstances, even if the other party is the client or a child.
• Always stands with his back to the wall in a room.
• Rolls and enters an offensive stance in an instant if anyone, in coming up behind him, makes less noise than would ordinarily be expected.
• Reflexively attacks anyone who points a gun at him.
• Reflexively attacks at the sound of a handbag catch being opened.
• As a general rule, cuts off the conversation if a client starts to either boast of past glories or, conversely, of their tragic past.
• Flings any hand off instantly if his dominant arm is grasped.
• When under cover of darkness, will keep moving to further hide his position.
• Often hires a prostitute or otherwise has sex before a job.
• In a hotel, takes the room closest to the emergency stairs on the top floor. Thoroughly examines room right after check-in for suspicious features or objects.
• If the hotel is 20 floors or higher, will reserve a suite – a corner penthouse if possible.
• When checking out, extensively cleans forensic traces of his presence, including disposal of his own trash.
• Whenever practical, memorizes and then destroys notes or data related to a job, rather than keep it on his person.
• Will not consume any water, medicine, or alcohol brought to him by others until it has been confirmed to be 100 percent safe.
• Will not keep the company of a person whose shirt is unbuttoned (presumably due to the risk of drawing a concealed weapon).
• Will always sit in the back seat of a vehicle where he can have the widest view of the interior.
• Often avoids showing his right hand in particular, keeping it in pocket. His clothes seem to be custom-made, so there is a possibility that the pocket may have some kind of special design.
• Reacts sensitively to any small sound; body will become battle-ready even when not on a job. (see note 2)

OHOHO! SEEMS YOU DISLIKE PEOPLE GOING BEHIND YOUR BACK EVEN MORE THAN I DO!
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THAT'S WHY I DON'T HAVE THE HABIT OF SHAKING HANDS.
I'M NOT SO CONFIDENT IN MYSELF THAT I CAN ENTRUST MY DOMINANT ARM TO OTHERS...

(2.) Golgo has remarked of himself that he is "as cowardly as a rabbit," and that is precisely why he has survived until now. Many of his habits support those words.

Pigeons have played a role in the planning of at least four documented assassinations: Story #115, "An Offering to God" (1976), Story #139, "Gravestone in Sicily" (1978), Story #276, "False News" (1989), and Story #363, "Risky Business" (1997).

GOLGO 13
COVER OCCUPATIONS

Golgo 13 has been observed to assume an extremely diverse set of cover occupations and assumed professions (see also "False Identities," above). An (incomplete) list of examples:

• Military/Security Forces
Former colonel in the Hungarian AVH; lieutenant-colonel, U.S. Army; general, Brazilian military police; United Nations peacekeeping operations officer (see note 3)
• Media
Film director, actor, photographer, international correspondent, freelance journalist, novelist
• Business/Corporate
Consumer electronics executive, business consultant, art dealer, mechanical parts sales, coffee rancher, Rummikub sales rep (see note 4)
• Police/Private Security
Policeman (beat cop), policeman (motorcycle patrol), policeman (narcotics officer), private bodyguard
• Criminal
Union Corse partner, Hong Kong Triad (ivory smuggler), drug courier, hijacker. Golgo 13 has an extensive jail and prison record under various identities (see "Theories of the Alias," "False Identities") and circumstances (some incarcerations appear to have been deliberately sought, in order to carry out a job).
• Academia
Asian Studies, biologist, zoologist, sociologist, humanities professor, amateur astronomer
• Health/Medicine
Doctor, pharmacologist, sterilization technician
• Engineer/Technical Specialties
Geological analyst, insurance investigator, airline pilot, helicopter pilot, automotive engineer, electrical engineer, marine engineer
• Manual Labor
Coal miner, bulldozer driver, construction worker, cleaner, carrier, fisherman, cargo vessel crewmember, waiter, hotel worker, pizza chef
• Sports/Physical Fitness
Martial artist, sports instructor

(3.) Note that the first three categories of cover jobs are the most frequently employed, presumably due to their usefulness in international travel and in moving among his common categories of target. He has also impersonated a Catholic priest, claimed to be a contact for Golgo 13 (rather than revealing himself to actually be Golgo 13), used the drug methoxsalen to darken his skin and assume an African-American identity, deliberately induced symptoms of severe cardiac distress to infiltrate a critical care ward, and posed as a derelict.

(4.) In 1992, used false Taiwanese passport to enter Israel, posing as a representative negotiating for the license to sell the game Rummikub (Golgo 13 Special Edition Story #29, "Crushing Joker").

Although it is admittedly out of fear, Golgo 13 is surprisingly well-received by children, as evidenced in Story #53, "Woman from Napoli" (1971), Story #73, "White Giant" (1973), Story #200, "Incident at Cottage Seven" (1983), and Story #305, "Man of Gold" (1992).